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*Contributed by* RONALD V. YEGGE\*

He hit me head-on going 60 miles per hour damaging my fender for about \$3.00.

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I was seriously hurt and I don't think I will be able to work again. but if you will send me check for \$10 to cover my damage I will settle.

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Enclosed is bill for \$8.00 to my car. I want to be fair and that is all I want, but if you don't pay I will sue for mitigated damage.

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I heard that he drinks all the time and has killed three people last week.

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I did not contribute any negligence to the accident and as I did not know the accident was going to happen 'cause I was asleep. Please send me my damages.

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I wish now that I had hired a lawyer before you decided I was negligent.

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A head-on collision occurred in a narrow canyon in the mountains. The assured reported the accident, giving very meager details. The claimant sent in a bill for repairs. To complete the file a letter was addressed to the claimant requesting that he give the width of the road and other facts. The following correspondence was exchanged:

Claimant:

"I don't know how wide the road is, and be damned if I am going up there again to measure it, because that guy has run into me four times already, and I'm not going to let him run into me again."

Copy of this letter was sent to the assured, with an inquiry as to the accuracy of the information contained in the letter. The assured wrote as follows:

"He is a damn liar. I have only run into him three times."

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\*Of the Denver bar.

My wife became pregnant as a result of the accident and is going to have a miscarriage. Unless my claim is settled at once I will be forced to blame it onto you.

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I will not fool around in a small court, but will take you to the Supreme Court immediately.

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It is true that the accident was both our faults, but I don't see what that has to do with my case.

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Answer to subrogation demand: "If you think you can get any money out of me just come up here and try it."

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He shot out of the alley without warning and rammed his front end into my body in the middle.

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I am sorry that my son didn't lose his whole leg so that you would get stuck more damages.

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Our judge here says that he will see to it that I get plenty of damages if I have to file suit.

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My husband has lost his man power as a result of the accident and I have had to get a man to take care of things that have to be done.

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He admitted to me right before it happened that it was all his fault.

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I am pleased to write you that my best cow was killed by your car.

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We have a way to deal with people who steal or kill cattle and then try and get out of it.

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She and I came together on a lonely side road and there was no one to pull us apart, so I was forced to go off and leave her there.

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I and him decided both our insurance policies would fix the cars and we ain't goin' back on our agreement.

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Comprehensive loss report: "My lady friend put her foot through the glass in rear door, breaking it."

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Extract from letter from Abraham \_\_\_\_\_: "She hurt my brother badly. She is charged by the policemen with reckless driving and taking the right-of-way from a presbiterean."

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I saw my lawyer and he said that I was at fault but if I wrote you and insisted on my damage that you would pay his fee of \$5.00. Please send it immediately.

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Nobody pays attention to the law here anyway, so I ain't going to let you tell me what the law is.

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He killed my wife but I don't care as long as they don't cause me no trouble.

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I slipped on the ice and sat down in a rush.

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He has a reputation for backing out of his garage at unexceedable speeds.

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Thank you for the check. It has relieved our pain and damages a lot.

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Before making an estimate the garage man wants to know if you are going to check the damage.

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Wire to insurance company representative 150 miles away: HAD ACCIDENT SEND ADJUSTER AT ONCE.

Result: Damage, bent fender, \$3.50

Expense of sending adjuster, \$40.00

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You ain't foolin' with no hicks. If you don't pay, my attorney, who is as mean as a hungry wolf, will be unleashed.

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I have taken secret depositions that will be sprung on you in court.

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He outsmarted me and gave me a drink so that I couldn't smell liquor on his breath.